AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A golf club shaft comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft comprising a plurality of layers of fibers imbedded in a synthetic resin, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt end of relatively larger cross sectional diameter tapering without intervening discontinuities to a tip end of relatively smaller diameter, said tip end having an outside diameter between .330 and .400 inches;

said butt end having an outside diameter of .400 to .540 inches.

2. (previously presented) The golf club shaft of claim 1, wherein:

said butt end has a wall thickness of between .04 and .045 inches.

3. (previously presented) The golf club shaft of claim 1, wherein:

a length of the shaft is from about 35-47 inches.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The composite golf club shaft of claim 1, further comprising:

two inner layers of graphite fibers embedded in epoxy, said inner layers having fibers oriented at angles of +45° and -45° respectively relative to the axis of the shaft.

6. (original) The composite of golf club shaft of claim 1, further comprising:

an intermediate layer of graphite fibers embedded in epoxy, said graphite fibers being oriented longitudinal to the axis of the shaft.

7. (previously presented) A composite golf club shaft comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft comprising a plurality of layers of fiber embedded in a synthetic resin, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt section comprising a substantially cylindrical cross section of relatively larger cross section, which transitions

without intervening discontinuities to a tapered intermediate section, said tapered intermediate section tapering without intervening discontinuities to a relatively smaller diameter tip section; said tip section including a portion having an outside diameter of between .330 and .400 inches;

said butt section having an outside diameter between .400 to .540 inches, said butt section diameter displacing a kick point above a center point of the composite golf club shaft.

8. (previously presented) The golf club shaft of claim 7, wherein:
said butt section has a wall thickness between .04 and .045 inches.

9. (previously presented) The golf club shaft of claim 7, wherein:
the golf club shaft has a length between 35 and 47 inches.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The composite golf club shaft of claim 7, further comprising:
two inner layers of graphite fibers imbedded in epoxy, said inner layers having fibers oriented at angles of +45° and -45° respectively relative to the axis of the shaft.

12. (original) The composite golf club shaft of claim 7, further comprising:
an intermediate layer of graphite fibers embedded in epoxy, said graphite fibers being oriented longitudinal to the axis of the shaft.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

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16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A golf club shaft comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt section comprising a substantially cylindrical cross section having an outside diameter of between .400 and .560 inches, which transitions without intervening discontinuities to a tapered intermediate section, said tapered intermediate section transitioning without intervening discontinuities to a relatively smaller diameter tip section, said tip section having an outside diameter of between .330 and .400 inches, and said tapered intermediate section having a more significant taper than both said butt and tip sections.

20. (previously presented) The shaft of claim 19 wherein said tip section and said butt section include parallel sidewalls.

21. (previously presented) A golf club shaft comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft having a length of between about 35 and 47 inches, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt section of relatively larger cross sectional diameter tapering without intervening discontinuities to a tip section of relatively smaller diameter, said tip section having an outside diameter between .330 and .400 inches;

said butt section having at least one portion with an outside diameter of between .400 and .540 inches, said butt section diameter displacing a kick point toward the butt end of the shaft.